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F. Hernandez Is Training At Catalina

Feliciano Hernandez, 23 203rd st., Torrance, is now in apprentice seaman training at the U. S. Maritime Service training station, Avalon, Catalina Island, Calif. Hernandez is busy gaining knowledge and experience that will fit him for duty with our great merchant marine—training that will enable him to help deliver vital war cargoes to our fighting forces and allies throughout the world. The Maritime Service offers men 17 to 50 a chance to play a vital part in the winning of the war, a chance to serve with our great Victory Fleet which "delivers the goods" wherever they are needed.

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Service Shorts

JOHN DEROUIN . . . a corporal, arrived recently from Camp Hood, Tex., for a 15 days' furlough with family members here. He is serving with the Dept. of Air Training.

JACK LESLIE CARRICK . . . a sergeant serving with R.C. A.F., arrived recently with his bride for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carrick, and other relatives here.

IRENE TAYLOR BRENNER . . . a storekeeper serving with the WAVE at her Treasure Island base, was a weekend guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor of 903 Cota ave. Her husband, a corporal, is a veteran of the North African campaign and is now stationed in Texas.

Lt. Lincoln at Four-Engine Pilot School

Second Lieutenant Fred A. Lincoln, Jr., is now a student in the four-engine pilot school at Roswell, N.M., Army Air Forces Training Command station. He received his pilot wings on Mar. 12, 1944, at Williams Field, Ariz. The lieutenant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Lincoln, Sr., 1229 Cota ave., Torrance.

NORMAN MARSTELLER . . . a corporal serving with an engineering aviation battalion in the South Pacific, in a recent letter to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsteller of 1314 Amapola ave., outlined his Christmas gift requirements as follows: "You might send me over a convertible full of girls."



TORRANCE MARINE ESCAPES GRENADES . . . Five of the nine Marines who escaped uninjured when Japs attacked a command post with hand grenades on Peleliu, are: (foreground) Private First Class Edward F. McDevitt of New Rochelle, N. Y.; (rear, left to right) Private First Class Stanley Mrozewicz of Providence, R. I.; Private James Graham of Ethel, Miss.; Private First Class Everett L. Leatherman, whose mother, Mrs. Ruth Leatherman, resides at 912 Cota ave., Torrance, Calif.; and Private Frank C. Pinto of Garfield, N. J.

Official Veterans' Information Center

United States Employment Service
1927 Carson st.

Selective Service Board
No. 286
1839 Post ave.

Information will be furnished any Veteran or his dependents on the rights and benefits provided by federal and state agencies and also any services made available by other groups or agencies.

John Batovsky, Flight Officer, Gets His Wings

Flight Officer John Batovsky, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Batovsky, 1324 Carson st., is



among hundreds of youthful American navigation cadets who, after 16 weeks of strenuous training, pinned on their silver navigator wings at commencement exercises at Hondo, Tex., Army airfield installation of the A.A.F. Training Command recently.

The impressive wing-pinning ceremony signified to the new navigators that now they are ready to do their part in obliterating the enemy. Most of the officers have already departed to join the other members of the all-out bombing team—gunner, bombardier and pilot. Some of the navigators will remain here to instruct new cadets just entering navigation training.

The new graduates received not only their wings but also commissions as either flight officers or second lieutenants.

Each of them is an aerial expert, trained to find the target by day or by night in fair or inclement weather. Teamwork is their forte and the Axis their common objective.

William E. Keefer Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at Age 25

William E. Keefer, bomber pilot from Torrance and operations officer of a veteran 15th A.A.F. B-24 group, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. It was announced by 15th Army Air Force headquarters. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, reside at 2259 Torrance blvd.

The youngest colonel in his group, Col. Keefer, 25, has risen from second lieutenant to his present rank in less than three years of active duty with the Air Corps. His flying career, which began on July 18, 1941, when he left Compton Junior college to enlist, has carried him through two tours of overseas combat duty in England, North Africa, the Middle East and Italy.

Col. Keefer is operations officer of a Liberator bomber group that recently received the War Department Unit Citation "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy" during a mission over Austria on Apr. 2. One of the more than 140 missions that his group has flown in the Italian campaign, the cited operation was flown during adverse weather conditions and against fighter opposition that resulted in one of the greatest battles of the European air war. Col. Keefer was commissioned

on Feb. 6, 1942, upon completion of advanced pilot cadet training at Luke Field, Ariz. As a combat bomber pilot he flew the bomber named "Liberty Lad" on operations over Europe in 1942 before being returned to the United States for assignment to his present organization.

As chief of his group's operations department Col. Keefer is responsible for charting and arranging the long-distance flights that take off from his south Italy base for strategic bombing throughout central Europe and the Balkans. He has led his group's bombers on 40 of their missions.

The colonel's wife, Mrs. W. E. Keefer, resides at 721 Connely st., Clovis, N.M.

GERALD G. GRUBB . . . a sergeant, U.S.M.C., and his outfit, while resting at a South Pacific base, are spending their time raising chickens, which they had found wild in the jungles. After taming them the men were rewarded with the first fresh eggs they had enjoyed in more than 18 months. Vegetable gardening is also an important activity of Gerald and his group, according to Mrs. Grubb, the former Marian Spehger.



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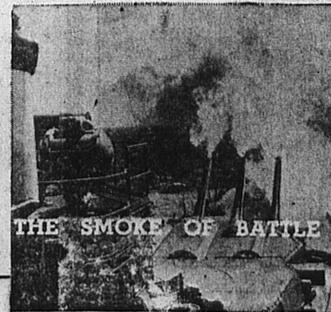


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